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## **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of 9/10/2004 (confirmation no. 9980), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the specification to correct informalities are presented on pages 2-7 below.

Amendments to the claims are presented, along with presentation of all claims as currently pending, on pages 8 - 14 of the response.

Responses to the various objections under Sect. 112, and to the rejections under 102 and 103, are presented on p. 15 - 20.